

[11th December 1959]

*Madras District Development Councils Act, 1958*

\* 121 Q.—SRI S. LAZAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state when the recently enacted Madras District Development Councils Act, 1958 (Madras Act No. XVIII of 1958) will be enforced?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The Madras District Development Councils Act, 1958, has been brought into force from 1st December 1959. The development districts have also been constituted from that date. Necessary notifications required for these purposes have been published in an extraordinary issue of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th November 1959. The District Development Councils will be formally brought into existence from 1st January 1960.

MR. SPEAKER: I have got 30 questions more and not even thirty minutes. Hon. Members run the risk that if they put more supplementaries on each question, a few questions will not be called and therefore such questions together with their answers will have to be printed in the proceedings.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that already 'Jila Parishads' have been established in areas which are coming to us under the Pataskar Award? Under this contingency, will the Government retain or recognize the Samitis or Parishads in those places instead of having our own institutions there?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No 'jilla' is coming to us. Only a portion of a taluk is coming to us and that will have to form part of the Chingleput district and perhaps the people there will have to be satisfied with the set up in Chingleput district.

*Gun licences*

\* 122 Q.—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM: கனம் உள் விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்கு பதில் அளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தஞ்சை ஜில்லா கோடிக்கரைக்கு காட்டு ஆலோசனை கமிட்டி அப்பகுதிகளில் துப்பாக்கி லைசென்ஸ் வழங்குவது பற்றி என்ன தீர்மானம் செய்திருக்கிறது?

(ஆ) அதன் பேரில் அரசாங்கம் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) The Committee had resolved to recommend the cancellation of licences for rifles and guns, as there is no need for possessing them in the area.

(b) The licences issued are for purposes of self-protection and sports and, as such, the question of cancellation of licences has not arisen.

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**SRI A. VEDARATHNAM :** வன விலங்குகளைப் பாதுகாப்பதற்காக நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களுிடம் தற்காப்புக்கான துப்பாக்கி கிடையாது. ஆனால் காடுகளில் திருட்டுத்தனமாக வேட்டையாடுபவர்களிடம் லைசென்ஸ் பூர்வமான துப்பாக்கிகள் இருக்கின்றன. இவர்கள் வேட்டையாடும்போது இவர்களைப் பிடிக்கச் செல்லுபவர்களை இவர்கள் தங்களுடைய துப்பாக்கிகளைக் காட்டிப் பயமுறுத்துகின்றனர். இந்நிலையில் வன விலங்குகளை சரிவரப் பாதுகாக்க அரசாங்கம் தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா?

**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :** வன விலங்குகளைப் பாதுகாக்கும் விஷயமாக அவசியமான விதிகள் வகுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. துப்பாக்கி லைசென்ஸ் பெற்றவர்கள் இந்த விதிகளுக்கு மாறாக நடந்துகொண்டால் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படுகிறது.

### Fire Services

\* 123 Q.—**SRI S. LAZAR :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to reorganize the Fire Services;

(b) the nature of reorganization;

(c) the financial implications in the reorganization proposal; and

(d) the need for such a reorganization?

**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :** (a) The scheme of separation of the Fire Service Branch from the Police Department and its reorganization has been implemented from 1st July 1959.

(b) For purposes of Fire Service administration, the State has been divided into two regions, each in charge of a Chief Fire Officer under the overall control of the Inspector-General of Police. For administrative convenience, each region has been divided into suitable divisions each in charge of a Divisional Officer of the rank of District Fire Officer assisted by a Station Officer.

(c) The reorganization has resulted in saving to Government to the tune of about Rs. 41,000 per annum.

(d) The reorganization was made not only as a measure of economy but also to promote the technical efficiency of the Fire Service and to ensure overall technical supervision and control and to relieve the Superintendents of Police and the Deputy Inspectors-General of Police of the additional responsibility relating to the Fire Service Branch.